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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, applicant calls to the Examiner's attention the following document: Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-152816, together with an English language machine translation of the same. Applicant notes that this document is cited on page 1 of the present application.

Further, applicant notes that the following two documents are cited in the International Search Report for patent family member No. PCT/JP2004/016281, a copy of which was filed concurrently with the present application:

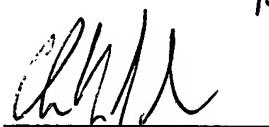
Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-094584, together with an English language machine translation of the same; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-261443, together with an English language machine translation of the same.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted translations, are attached and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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